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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2007, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.